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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 June 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 and 18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7-8, 10-16 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6 and 9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed June 2, 2004 in which Claims 1, 12, and 16 have been amended, has been placed of record in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-5, 7-8, 10-16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohsumi (U.S. Patent No. 5,664,326) in view of Pelozza (U.S. Patent No. 5,362,260). With regard to Claims 1, 4-5, 7-8, 12-13, 16 and 18, Ohsumi discloses a cable assembly comprising: an insulating housing (A) defining a cavity (1); a contact (B) received in the cavity (1) of the housing (A), the contact (B) comprising an intermediate portion (5), a central contact beam (8) extending from one end of the intermediate portion (5) and being deflectable relative to the intermediate portion (5) along a first direction (up and down), and a tail portion (B2) extending from an opposite end of the intermediate portion (5); and a cable (W) terminated to the tail portion (B2) of

corresponding contact (B), the intermediate portion (5) having a retention device (lower protrusion shown in Fig. 1) thereon for engagement within a passageway (Fig. 1) of the housing (A). See Figs. 1-6.

However, Ohsumi doesn't show the housing having a plurality of cavities receiving a plurality of cables and contacts having pair of side contact beams extending from two opposite sides of the intermediate portion, the side contact beams are located between the first and the second curved portions of the central contact beam along a longitudinal direction of the contact, the side contact beams comprise a pair of vertical arms located at opposite sides of the first spring arm and a pair of resilient side arms extending rearwardly from the vertical arms and having connecting portions extending toward each other and each of the pair of side contact beams being deflectable relative to the intermediate portion along a second direction different from the first direction.

Pelozza discloses a similar connector assembly (10, 12) having a housing (12) having a plurality of cavities (14) receiving a plurality of cables (W) and contacts (10) having a pair of side contact beams (40) extending from two opposite sides of an intermediate portion (28), the side contact beams (40) comprise a pair of vertical arms (44, 46) located at opposite sides and a pair of resilient side arms (36) extending rearwardly from the vertical arms (44, 46) and having connecting portions (Fig. 2) extending toward each other and each of the pair of side contact beams (40) being deflectable relative to the intermediate portion (28) along a second direction (transverse to the axis 18, Column 3, Lines 42-55). See Figs. 1-6.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the assembly of Ohsumi by including a pair of side contact beams extending from two opposite sides of an intermediate portion, the side contact beams comprise a pair of vertical arms located at opposite sides and a pair of resilient side arms extending rearwardly from the vertical arms and having connecting portions extending toward each other, each of the pair of side contact beams being deflectable relative to the intermediate portion along a second direction different from the first direction as taught in Pelosa in order to provide a more effective and resilient engagement between the assembly and a mating male connector.

With regard to Claim 2, Ohsumi discloses the central contact beam (8) comprising a first spring arm (upper part of 8) extending upwardly and rearwardly from the intermediate portion (5) and a second spring arm (lower part of 8) extending forwardly and downwardly from the first spring arm (upper part of 8) and having a free end (distal free end of 8) for abutting against the intermediate portion (5). See Figs. 1-6.

With regard to Claim 3, Ohsumi discloses the first spring arm (upper part of 8) having a first curved portion (front curve that attaches 8 with 5) connecting with the one end of the intermediate portion (5) and a second curved portion (back curve of 8) connecting with the second spring arm (lower part of 8) for contacting with a complementary contact. See Figs. 1-6.

With regard to Claim 8, Ohsumi discloses the housing (A) defines a pair of slits (located in the distal end of 4, where the lower protrusion of 5 is received) communicating with the cavity (1), the slits (located in the distal end of 4, where the

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lower protrusion of 5 is received) receiving opposite side edges (9, lower protrusion of 5) of the intermediate portion (5) therein. See Figs. 1-6.

With regard to Claim 10, Ohsumi discloses the cable (W) including an inner conductive core (shown in Fig. 1) and an outer insulator (shown in Fig. 1) surrounding the inner conductive core (shown in Fig. 1), the cable (W) having an exposed conductive core (shown in Fig. 1) at one end thereof, and wherein the tail portion (B2) comprises two pairs of gripping wings (located in B2) respectively crimped onto the exposed conductive core (shown in Fig. 1) and the insulator (shown in Fig. 1). See Figs. 1-6.

With regard to Claim 11, Ohsumi discloses the housing (A) if formed with a plurality of latching bosses (3, 4) on a top thereof for being received in a corresponding latching slot (9) of a complementary connector (B). See Figs. 1-6.

With regard to Claim 14, Ohsumi discloses the central contact beam (8) comprises a first spring arm (upper part of 8) extending upwardly and rearwardly from the intermediate portion (5) and a second spring arm (lower part of 8) extending forwardly and downwardly from the first spring arm (upper part of 8) and having a free end (distal end of 8) to abut against the intermediate portion (5). See Figs. 1-6.

With regard to Claim 15, Ohsumi discloses the first spring arm (upper part of 8) has a first curved portion (front curve that attaches 8 with 5) connecting with the one end of the intermediate portion (5) and a second curved portion (back curve of 8) connecting with the second spring arm (lower part of 8). See Figs. 1-6.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 6 and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims for the reasons stated in the Office Action of March 2, 2004.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed June 2, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In response to Applicant's arguments regarding Claims 1, 12 and 16, that the Pelozza reference does not show the pair of side contact beams being used to contact the mating contact but rather shows it holding the contact in the housing, Applicant is reminded that in order to hold the mating contact in the housing contact beams have to contact the mating contact. The fact that the Pelozza reference discloses an additional function not claimed is irrelevant.

In response to Applicant's arguments regarding Claims 1, 12 and 16, that the Pelozza reference does not show the pair of side contact beams being deflectable relative to the intermediate portion along a second direction different from the first direction, Applicant's attention is directed to Column 3, Lines 42-55 of the Pelozza reference in which it is disclosed that the contact beams (40) move transverse to the

axis 18. Therefore, it is the Examiner's opinion that the combination of Ohsumi and Pelosa would show the pair of side contact beams being deflectable relative to the intermediate portion along a second direction different from the first direction of the central contact beam.

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL** necessitated by amendment. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

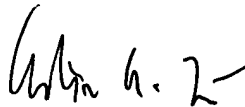
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edwin A. León whose telephone number is (571) 272-2008. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 10:00-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula A. Bradley can be reached on 571-272-2800, extension 33. The fax


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phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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